

Scrutinizing The Perfect Tribute

The reappearance of *The Perfect Tribute* in a new dress and a 1956 copyright notice invites some comments on this fascinating book by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews. First published in 1906, it is timely indeed for Charles Scribner's Sons to bring out a new edition on the fiftieth anniversary year of its initial printing. The jacket presents a pleasing study of Lincoln at Gettysburg by Rudolph Ruzicka which is duplicated in color as the frontispiece.

Inasmuch as no comments were made through the years of distribution, either by the author or publisher of the book, about the authenticity of the story, it was accepted generally as factual. On the jacket of this new edition, however, the publishers refer to it as a "short moving tale of Abraham Lincoln." It is in reality almost wholly fiction combining three separate episodes: Lincoln's journey to Gettysburg, the reaction to his speech, and a dramatic scene in a prison hospital in Washington the day following the address.

Mrs. Andrews was born in Mobile, Alabama, lived in Lexington, Kentucky for a period and then moved to New York state. She had come to admire Lincoln and felt that some tribute should be paid him by a southern woman. She had considerable literary ability as her many published essays attest and the opportunity for developing the Lincoln story occurred at a time when early preparations were being made to celebrate the centennial of Lincoln's birth. Mrs. Andrews' son came home from school one day and told her an interesting Lincoln story that had been related by his teacher. It so impressed the boy's mother, that she decided to make it the basis of an essay which she hoped might be a worthy tribute to Lincoln.

The teacher had told his pupils of a conversation that as a small lad he had heard carried on between his father, Anson Burlingame, and Edward Everett. Mr. Everett was recalling some of the incidents on the way to and at Gettysburg. He told Mr. Burlingame "how Lincoln wrote the address on a piece of brown paper on the train going up to Gettysburg, how he delivered it, how there was a period of silence as if what had been said had so deeply impressed the crowd that they would no more ap-

plaud it than they would have applauded the Lord's Prayer in a church." The above information within the quotation marks is apparently the basic source material out of which Mrs. Andrews composed *The Perfect Tribute*.

Some minor details in Mrs. Andrews' text warns one to be on guard for inaccuracies because the time element in the departure of the special train, both from Washington and from Gettysburg, is in error. Also the personnel of the President's party is incorrectly noted. The statement that Edward Everett was on the train is the most grievous mistake as Mrs. Andrews weaves about Mr. Everett's presence on the trip, some of the President's comments. More disconcerting still is the implication that the story of Lincoln's writing the ad-

dress on the train between Washington and Gettysburg came from Everett's own observations.

The facts are that Mr. Everett was not on the train and in no position to comment what writing Lincoln may or may not have done enroute. Everett was already in Gettysburg when the special train left Washington. Furthermore, John Nicolay, Lincoln's secretary, who was with the President all the way from Washington to Gettysburg has left the

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**"... that this nation, under God,
... shall not perish from
the earth."**



Office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

On February 13, 1954, Comrade Woolson conveyed to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all Grand Army of the Republic property not previously, legally disposed of. This deed was confirmed by the District Court of the District of Columbia on December 22, 1954.

We are the heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such there has been assigned to this office by the National Encampment, the duty of seeking out any property that a G.A.R. Post may have had when it went out of existence, and did not dispose of, or transfer legally. This property would consist of buildings, land, bonds, money, or other things.

This office is trying through your Department Commander to locate and reclaim such property. Should any Camp or member know of any such property, investigate it thoroughly, take nothing for granted, make sure, then notify your Department Commander of the facts.

Money left in banks, and by some banks according to law now turned over to the State, is in most states recoverable by legal means.

This office has started a crusade to get Camps to place on permanent display, either in their Camp rooms or in memorial buildings, or historical rooms of libraries, or historical buildings, Civil War relics, G.A.R. Charters, pictures, guns, swords, and other paraphernalia. Many of these relics are now gathering dust and deteriorating on shelves, closets, attics, and other places.

Camps and members can have no better project to memorialize the Union Veteran of the Civil War, than by taking these priceless relics and refurbish them and then place them on permanent display before the public. If your Camp now does, or plans to put on permanent display such relics write your Department Commander just what you are doing. He will report same to this office. Of course, this office is at your service any time you wish to write.

Albert B. DeHaven,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Box 550, Sanford, Maine

Members at Large

Recent additions to Membership at large attached to National Headquarters include:

BOYD F. BEDLYON, JR.—
Assistant Professor of Education, State Teachers College,
Millersville, Penna.

WILLIAM BAILEY BUCHER—
Civil Engineer, Spring Hill, Alabama

ROYE A. MULHOLLAND—
Civil Engineer, Austin, Texas

We express pleasure and extend a cordial welcome to these Brothers, and sincerely hope that they will enjoy their membership.

We also thank Hon. Martin J. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for submitting the application of Brother Bucher. This makes history when the ranking officer of the Confederacy recruits for the Yankees.

Chaplain's Corner

Fred E. Colwell, National Chaplain

With Christmas and the New Year all but with us may I remind you of your personal spiritual responsibility at this particular season? Our forefathers were Godfearing, upright men who gave us their splendid example as our heritage and our sober sense of duty reminds us to do likewise. You don't have the time? You can find it if you have the honest desire to look for it as they did in the years ago. In this spirit, then, may each one of us go to the church of his choice, there to give thanks to our Creator for all the many blessings we have received and hope to have continued. Do this and you will come away with the satisfaction of having made your contribution to the spirit of Christmas. May I then hope for each one of you, whoever you are and wherever you may be, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with the good health to enjoy both to the full.

Our Policy Relative to the G.A.R. Property Misinterpreted and Misunderstood

Many evidences of misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the rights and responsibilities of the Sons of Union Veterans in regard to the property left by the now extinct Grand Army of the Republic have come to our attention, and it is evidently necessary to clarify the situation. It is not only members of our sister organizations in the Grand Army Family, but even some of our own members who have failed to read carefully the resolution on the subject adopted by our Order at the National Encampment in Cincinnati in 1955.

To put an end to much misunderstanding and to unjustified accusations that have in a number of cases been made against our Order, all are, therefore requested and urged to read again the said resolution, which not only stated the facts but also announced our policy, and which is here repeated for your convenience.

WHEREAS, The preservation and making available for purposes of historical research and for the suitable commemoration of the Grand Army of the Republic and its patriotic services, of all the records and memorabilia of its members and organized elements, is a matter of National importance; and

WHEREAS, The execution of this trust has been imposed upon us by Sec. 3 of Public Law 605; and

WHEREAS, Comrade Woolson, last survivor of the Grand Army has transferred to us title to "all property of any and every kind and nature owned by said Grand Army of the Republic, and wheresoever situate, and all the records and archives thereof; except such property and records as are specifically mentioned and described in a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its 83rd and final Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28th to September 1st, 1949"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their Seventy-Fourth National Encampment assembled, that they accept this trust in their reverent memory of their fathers and will strive by every proper and legal means to

effect the preservation and safe keeping of the said archives, records and memorabilia of their Sires; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will respect any disposition of their property and records made by Posts or Departments of the Grand Army, which ensures their preservation and their being available for historical and genealogical research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we favor the preservation as memorable to the Grand Army of the meeting places or quarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, whether the same are owned by State or local governments, by trustees or by Memorial Association, and their use by our Order and the other orders allied to the Grand Army as meeting places, so far as such use is consistent with their memorial character and the provisions of this resolution.

(Adopted by the Cincinnati Encampment.)

Please note that no profit or financial gain appears to accrue to the Sons of Union Veterans on account of this inheritance, but rather the solemn responsibility for the preservation and appropriate location of the Grand Army's records and property of historic interest, so that they may be accessible to the public and available to historical researchers in the future. Especial emphasis is called to the statement of the policy not to take from any other organization or person any such property or records properly donated to them by the Grand Army or otherwise legally in their possession, and that the help of our sister organizations was asked to assist us in carrying out this mandate. We are confident that, upon rereading the resolution, they will be impelled, by their reverence for the Grand Army and their appreciation of the patriotic importance of preserving all the records and memorials of "the Boys in Blue," to join loyally with us in the effort to locate and suitably ensure the preservation and accessibility of such archives and keep sakes.

U. S. Grant 3rd.

Patriotic Instruction

The first departmental meeting of the "Councils for United Patriotic Action," sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of our Order, was held in Melrose, Mass., on September 15th. It is hoped that other Departments will follow suit, so that this union of national patriotic organizations may the sooner be effective.

Inaugurated by Dept. Commander John L. Day, this "Council" included the following representatives of their organizations: Mrs. Kate L. (Dewey) Heiman, Department President of our Auxiliary; Lt. Cmdr. Preston S. Lincoln, Librarian-Recorder, Mass. Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and William S. Cullinan, Jr., Past Department Commander of the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans.

These departmental meetings are primarily to encourage local "Councils" in all communities, wherein units of our various sponsoring Orders have their being.

The next Massachusetts meeting will be held in Memorial Building, Melrose, on December 7, 1956, at 7:30 P. M. All those interested in the promotion of militant patriotic action are invited to attend.

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THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION is going to be built at the foot of the Statue of Liberty to tell for all time the greatest story that any nation can boast. Wherever we came from . . . whenever we came . . . we are here because of immigration. And so each and every one of us is a part of the story of immigration.

This story has never before been brought into one dramatic telling, and there is no better place to tell it to Americans—and to the world—than from right below the Torch of Liberty.

It is the recognition by us of the part which each nationality and culture has played in the building of our Nation. It makes for understanding and respect for our fellow Americans.

Donations in any amount are welcome. Individuals who contribute \$10 will become BUILDERS and receive handsome Certificates suitable for framing. In addition, each BUILDER may have his (or her) photograph and signature preserved, at no extra cost, in The Museum where the BUILDER and his descendants may see them upon request. Special recognition will be given to MASTER BUILDERS, individuals who make contributions of \$100 or more.

For the honor of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in memory of the many Union Veterans of foreign birth and foreign descent, we call upon our individual members to mail their contributions direct to our Registered Agent in D. C., who is also National President and Chairman of the Committee for The American Museum of Immigration, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, P. C. in C., 1135 21st St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C. We ask you to do this in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, so that our Order will be certain to be credited with participation in this glorious building for the Future.

However, we do ask that our members first set aside their usual donation for our own Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. Then, if they can afford to, by all means, let's remember the Union soldiers, sailors, and marines of foreign birth and foreign descent who sacrificed so much to preserve this Union—and whose proud descendants so many of our members are today—by subscribing to this National Shrine at the foot of The Statue of Liberty.

Ernest G. Wells,
National Patriotic Instructor.

The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one.

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Headquarters
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
1345 Michigan Ave.,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

November 1, 1956

1. At this time I wish to thank the members of our Order for unanimously electing me to the highest office within the power of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to bestow upon a brother member, that of their Commander-in-Chief. I promise to do my very best to merit your confidence in me.

2. May I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the National Officers of the Allied Patriotic Orders? It is my wish that you enjoy good health and have a very enjoyable, happy, and prosperous year.

3. Our 76th National Encampment will be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 18-22 inclusive, 1957. Headquarters will be the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac. Reservation cards will be sent out in ample time. May I suggest that you make your reservation early and let's have a good attendance. This is your Encampment, and you should have a part in it.

4. Hon. Carl M. Weideman, Judge of the Circuit Court is hereby appointed as General Chairman of the Encampment Committee, with Past Commander-in-Chief Union Mackey as Honorary Chairman.

P. D. C. Charles F. Dexter is hereby appointed as Chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans Committee with power to appoint additional committee members. Brother Dexter is also appointed as a member of the Americanism and Education Committee, of which Brother Howard E. Waite is Chairman.

The Michigan Department has already been making big plans for August, 1957, and we should have a very enjoyable Encampment in Detroit. Again Brothers, let's have a good attendance and enjoy the hospitality of our Michigan Brothers.

5. The Commander-in-Chief at this time wishes A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year to our members and their families, and to those of our Allied Orders.

Fred E. Howe,
Commander-in-Chief.

United States
Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Washington 25, D. C.

September 20, 1956

Colonel C. L. Stoudt,
2540 Fairview Avenue,
Mt. Penn, Reading, Pennsylvania

My Dear Colonel Stoudt:

I thank you for your letter of September 18. Please be assured that my day in Gettysburg on September 12 was a most pleasant and rewarding experience. I enjoyed the lunch, meeting so many

people, and observing the intense interest which they showed in keeping alive the memory of those who served the Nation in the Civil War. This was a revelation to me.

On behalf of the U. S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service may I also thank the Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for placing in our custody such a fine memorial. We shall give it our best care and hope that it will stand as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifices their ancestors made to preserve the Union.

Sincerely yours,
E. T. Scoyen,
Acting Director.

Perfect Tribute

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statement that Lincoln did no writing whatever on the train. A further established fact is that one copy and possibly two copies of the address were written out before the President left Washington.

A further deduction which Mrs. Andrews makes from the story which teacher Burlingame told her son was that when Lincoln finished his speech "There was no sound from the silent vast assembly . . . not a hand was lifted in applause." The President was interrupted by applause five different times during the address and at the conclusion there was "long continued applause."

The son of Mrs. Andrews clearly states with reference to the concluding episode in **The Perfect Tribute** that his mother "added the fiction part—she added the part about the young Southern boy and the dying Southern soldier, his brother." In other words, Warrington Blair, his sister, Miss Eleanor Hampton Blair, Carter Hampton Blair, his fiance, Miss Sally Maxfield and Senator Warrington were purely fictitious characters. The story which Mrs. Andrews relates about Lincoln visiting the dying Captain Blair in a Confederate prison hospital is purely imaginary. Nevertheless it is a dramatic piece of fiction.

Permanent Fund

The following addition to the Honor Roll has been received, thereby adding to the Permanent Fund in the amount of \$10.00.

CORP. HENRY JONES GEER—
Co. H, 1st New Hampshire Volunteers
(Courtesy Rhode Island Department)

Members are urged to make use of this means of honoring their ancestor and at the same time helping to add to the permanent fund of the Order.

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.
Name of Veteran
Company & Regiment
Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from
Name
Address
(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Fred E. Howe, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 75th National Encampment, Harrisburg, Penna., Sept. 13, 1956.

C. in C. Howe is a member of H. C. Berry Camp No. 89, Niagara Falls, N. Y., is a Past Commander of his Camp, has served his Department in different official offices and was Department Commander in 1946-47. He served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief last year.

He attended Niagara Falls High School and was a member of the firm of E. R. Howe & Son, Inc., wholesalers of confectionery, school supplies, fruits and syrups until his retirement on December 31, 1952.

He is a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church; Niagara River Lodge 785 F. & A. M.; Niagara Lodge of Perfection A. A. S. R.; Moore Square and Compass Club; Advisory Council of Power City Chapter Order of DeMolay; Oppenheim Zoological Society of Niagara County; Retired Men's Club of Niagara Frontier; a voting member of the Niagara Falls Boys Club; and an adopted member of the Indian Defense League of America in the Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Indian Tribe.

His grandfather, Leander Howe enlisted from Worcester, Mass., September 17, 1862 and was sent to Camp Wool, Mass., as a private in Co. A, 51st Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. His active service terminated July 27, 1863, after which he reenlisted in Co. D, 4th Regiment Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and was mustered out on June 17, 1865 at Washington, D. C.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Phila., Penna.

Elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 70th National Encampment, Harrisburg, Penna., September 13, 1956.

National President, Sister McKinney is a member of Auxiliary No. 14, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa., where she has held continuous membership since joining the Order at sixteen years of age. She has held many Department Offices, and was elected Department President in 1942. She served as National Press Correspondent in 1952 and has had many appointments at various National Encampments.

She was graduated from Girls High School, attended the School of Design for Women, and Temple University. She was a Bacteriologist for the Bureau of Health of Philadelphia until her marriage to Vernon A. McKinney. They have one daughter, and five sons, all veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War. They have nine grandchildren.

Sister McKinney has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Philadelphia Lincoln Social for the past ten years, and is a Past Matron and Life Member of Germantown Chapter 223, Order of the Eastern Star.

Her Paternal Grandfather, Corp. Henry J. Sutch and seven brothers enlisted together in October 1861 in the 125th Pennsylvania Infantry. Her Maternal Grandfather, Capt. William B. Darr enlisted in December 1861 in the 28th Pennsylvania Artillery. They both served until the close of the war.



Department News



Copy for the January-February issue must be received on or before December 25, 1956.

Attention Aux. Press Correspondents

Items for publication in The Banner must reach the National Press Correspondent on or before the 20th day of December, February, April, June and August in order that she might prepare her column. Since space is limited you are requested to make your articles interesting but brief, touching only on the highlights of the various affairs taking place. All items of news from Auxiliary and Department Press Correspondents of the Auxiliary should be addressed to Miss Ann Willeke, National Press Correspondent, 2 East St., Rockville, Conn.

Address change: Jean B. Thompson, P. N. P., Dennis Hotel, 326 1st Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla. Lela B. Shugart, 1416 S. Adams St., Marion, Ind.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC



Attending 1956 California Department Encampment at San Jose.

CONNECTICUT

The Conklin Sellev Auxiliary 20 of East Hampton tendered a reception in honor of Department President Alice K. Clark and her staff on Saturday, October 20. Auxiliary members, members of the S.U.V.C.W., and Presidents of allied organizations attended the splendid program which was followed by a reception and dancing.

On Saturday, November 17, the Connecticut Department will hold their Annual Fair at Chatham Hall, East Hampton to raise money for the Sons and Auxiliary. Various articles are offered for sale and a supper is served. This is a highlight of the year both financially and socially.

MAINE

The Department Fair was held at South Paris on Saturday, October 20 with P. D. C. Robert Hunt and P. D. P. Frances Warner heading the committees. The Department Officers meeting of the S.U.V.C.W. was held at Norway Lake on July 15. Many Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents were present, as well as many of their families, who enjoyed a fine picnic lunch and outing.

The annual clam bake of Hyde Camp and Auxiliary was held on August 12 at the cottage of P. D. C. and

Mrs. C. Lloyd Hooker of Sabino. A large delegation of members and the general public made it a successful affair which resulted in a fair amount of money realized for our Grand Army Hall.

On Monday, August 6 a public memorial service was held in Bath for Comrade Woolson with various veteran and patriotic groups participating. The service was planned and conducted by Hyde Camp No. 46.

MASSACHUSETTS

Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 and Auxiliary 78 held a reception for Department Commander John L. Day on October 20 in the New England Mutual Hall in Boston. Pamela Elder, President of Auxiliary 78 and William Randolph Cohen, Commander of Camp 9 extended the welcome of their respective groups. P. D. C. William Fuller was master of ceremonies and introduced former Governor James M. Curly along with 14 Past Department Commanders, 1 Past Commander-in-Chief, 6 Past Department Presidents and 1 Past National President.

The Ancient Order of Buttons met in G.A.R. Hall, Rockland on October 6 with G. A. Lewis Garney performing the initiatory work on one candidate. The next meeting will be held in January at Rockland.

Capt. A. B. Grover Camp 17, Brockton, held its annual Memorial Services on October 10 in G.A.R. Hall along with the Auxiliary, D.U.V.C.W., and W.R.C. P. C. George R. Beckman was chairman with P. D. C. Wm. W. Haskell, Commander Clifton Hobert and P. C. George Holmes on the committee. On November 14 the Plymouth County Degree team will install Leo Hamilton as Commander for the coming year.

MICHIGAN

A. C. Marvin who is a member of the Michigan Department and makes his home in Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada, has made Civil War discoveries there. In the home of a Mr. Barringer, 92, he found a large frame on the wall listing the names of Co. A, 52nd Wisconsin Regiment. In the home of the Postmaster was discovered a picture of his grandfather, Frank Williams, Co. C., 1st Missouri Inf. There are four Civil War Veterans in Port Rowan, all of whom left there as volunteers. Brother Marvin places flags on their graves each Memorial Day, sent to him by the Michigan Department.



P. D. C. Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, believes this to be the first Civil War Monument to be unveiled in the United States. It is located at Tipton, Lenawee County, Michigan. The Monument was erected by the people of Franklin Township, Lenawee County and was unveiled on July 4, 1865. Names of Union Veterans from Franklin Township are engraved on the monument. Do you know of an older monument? If so, let us know through the columns of The Banner.

We are proud to hear that Camp Commander Milo Newer, Jr., was elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander of the Central Region recently. Brother Newer has also been selected as Chairman of the Observance Program of the 93rd anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Reception to Department Commander George R. Raub, Sr., and Officers to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit on November 19th, in the G.A.R. Memorial Room. The ladies of Gen. U. S. Grant Auxiliary will serve refreshments.

NEW JERSEY

The annual mid-winter meeting of the Department has been called by Department Commander Frank Daubert for Sunday, November 11th at 2 P. M. in G.A.R. Hall, N. Montgomery St., Trenton.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 100 (The State Camp of New Jersey) will hold its semi-annual dinner meeting on Saturday evening, at the Center House, Bloomfield, N. J. The principal speaker will be Hon. William M. Beard of Westfield, N. J., who is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

NEW YORK

Department Commander Marshall Hope has named District Deputies as follows: Charles Bradshaw, Southern Tier; John Waste, Rochester District; William Perry, Mohawk District; Rev. Howard Vormwood, Central District; and Charles Speigle, Metropolitan and Westchester District.

On August 2 the annual Department Award was made at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point to Engineer Cadet Midshipman Robert L. Friedman. Department Secretary Bertram Isaacs made the presentation for P. D. C. Bruckel who was unable to attend.

The New York Department Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany the third week in June. The Department will put out a combined Year Book and Convention Program.

Diven Camp 77, Elmira, held a memorial service for the late Comrade Albert Woolson on October 3, at the American Legion Home. The principal speaker was Judge Daniel Donahue of the Children's Court, a member of the Camp. The services were participated in by the Auxiliary and Daughters of Union Veterans.

A dinner and reception honoring Department Commander Marshall Hope and Department President Margaret Heinsler and their staffs was held at the Seneca Hotel, Rochester on November 3, with Mrs. Marie Colwell as chairlady.

C. in C. Howe installed P. D. C. Fred E. Colwell as National Chaplain at the quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association in Batavia on October 20, and presented a National Ribbon to P. D. C. Willard Stephan as a National Aide.

OHIO

R. J. Williams, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Department passed away in Columbus on August 9. He was a member of the Order for 69 years, affiliated with Gov. Dennison Camp 1 of Columbus and served as Department Secretary-Treasurer for a long time. He served as Auditor

of Franklin County, was a candidate for the office of Mayor of Columbus, and was active in the Masonic Order and a member of all branches. He is survived by his wife Sadie, two daughters, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

PENNSYLVANIA

Gen. George G. Meade Camp 16 of Reading celebrated their 75th anniversary on October 27, with an outstanding banquet at the Berkshire Hotel in Reading, that was followed by fine entertainment. Greetings were received from National President Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Department President Mrs. Caroline Riddell, the Department Presidents of the W.R.C. and the D.U.V.C.W., the President of Auxiliary 6 of Reading, Department Commander Chester Schriver, and Camp Commander Arthur L. Yocum. The speaker was Dr. Thomas H. Ford, retired Superintendent of the Reading Schools. Dr. Ford was the recipient of Meade Camp's Good Citizen Award in 1956.

Congressman Geo. M. Rhoades presented the Camp with an American Flag that had flown atop the Capitol in Washington, D. C. A history of Meade Camp was given by Camp Secretary-Treasurer W. Howard Still. As recognition of his many years of loyal service, the Camp presented Brother Still with a gold life membership card properly inscribed. P. C. in C. Stoudt, who was Chairman of the event, made the presentation.

Visitors in attendance included P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu; P. N. P. Edna S. Lambert; National Patriotic Instructor Ella G. Reeger; P. D. P. Anne O. Clayton and Henrietta Satterthwaite; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; P. C. in C. Walter C. Mabie and John Runkle; P. D. C. George Satterthwaite; along with a great number of Past Officers from Pennsylvania.

VERMONT

District No. 5 held its annual picnic at Gassetts Grange Hall, Sunday, August 26, with Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Pierson in charge. The September meeting was held at Bellows Falls, September 15, with a fine supper served under chairmanship of Mrs. A. G. Nichols.

Green Mountain State Camp No. 1 held its quarterly meeting in Montpelier on September 22. Problems of our organization were discussed after which a sum of money was allocated to the Commander for organizational work. There is much that can be done in organizing and reorganizing in our state.

The mid-winter conference of the Vermont Department will be held November 17, at 94 Church St., Burlington. It will be decided at this time where the 1957 Encampment will be held.

Camp 91 gave a surprise birthday party for its only surviving charter member on October 29. It marked the 79th birthday of Brother George Tenney. He was presented with a purse of money.

We report with sorrow these deaths: Dennis Anthony, Rutland Camp; Arthur Wilson, Peacham Camp; Howard Algers, Juntington Camp; Hoyt Streter, Taylor Camp; Howard Baird, Rutland Camp; Dr. Alfred Jorday, Brattleboro Camp. May we, their survivors, be a living memorial to them by loyalty to the ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

From the National President

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to the office of National President of this wonderful Auxiliary. I find it is not all glory and pleasure, but that there are some personal sacrifices, and constant mental and physical effort necessary to fulfill my obligation. This I consider a privilege, and will strive to do all within my power for the advancement of our Order.

Like all my predecessors, my chief hope is for a gain in membership, and I am asking each Auxiliary to try to get at least two new members.

I am sure that all who attended the Dedication Service at Gettysburg will never forget the lovely dedication speech by our National President, Lenore Glass, and the capable manner in which Col. C. Leroy Stoudt handled the service as Chairman. It was the completion of many years of service for P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu when she unveiled the statue of Comrade Woolson, and it was gratifying to see such a huge assembly in attendance.

This year my motto will be "A Prayer—A Deed—A Smile for each other." Let us also put into practice Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for each other, and this will be a better organization.

Margaret S. McKinney,
National President.

Central Regional Association

On October 13-14 the Central Regional Conference met at Columbus, Ohio in the Fort Hayes Hotel. This association consists of eleven states and has a membership of 1,281 Sons of Union Veterans and over 2,500 Auxiliary members, from 81 Camps and 191 Auxiliaries.

Louis Blair of Cincinnati presided and the following were elected to preside at the 1957 meeting which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisc. Commander, Geo. Lovering of Illinois. Senior Vice Commander, Earl Corbin of Ohio. Junior Vice Commander, Milo Newer, Jr., of Michigan. Secretary, Ellinore L. Konrad of Wisconsin. Treasurer, Gladys Sallman of Illinois. Chaplain, Margaret Horn of Indiana. Patriotic Instructor, Clarence Bodle of Indiana.

An inspiring meeting was enjoyed by all. Mr. W. D. Darling of the Ohio State Public Instruction Office was the speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening. Pupils from the Ohio School for the Blind furnished the music for the occasion.

New England Regional Association

The fall meeting was held in Augusta, Maine, on October 27-28 in the State House. The S.U.V.C.W. met in the Senate Chamber and the Auxiliary in the House of Representatives.

A turkey supper was served in Capital Grange Hall, followed by entertainment and dancing.

Officers include Allen F. Spink, Commander; Louis E. Winchell, Sr., Secretary; Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt, President; and Mrs. Pamela S. Elder, Secretary.

To me—old age is always ten years older than I am.
—Bernard M. Baruch

NEW CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

A revised printing of the Constitution and Regulations (Form 11) as authorized by the Harrisburg Encampment has been printed and is now in stock.

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It's Detroit in 1957

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the 1957 National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Detroit, Michigan, the week of August 18th, with headquarters for all three organizations at the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac. Joint meetings of the local committees of each organization will be held shortly, after which more details will be announced.

(Detroit Free Press Photo)



Shown above is the Ambassador Bridge, spanning the Detroit River. It links Detroit and Windsor, Canada. More than 2,000,000 cars a year take this gateway to our neighbor country. You may cross the border here into foreign soil with a minimum of formality. In the background, is the Detroit skyline.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year

